

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 SEOUL 02907 112258Z
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W
-----112330Z 028646 /66

P 111115Z APR 77
FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3174

C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 2907

EXDIS

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR KS US
SUBJ: ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE CALLS ON FOREIGN MINISTER.

1. DURING STOPOVER IN SEOUL APRIL 11 ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE PAID COURTESY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER PARK TONG-JIN, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR. HOLBROOKE BROUGHT FONMIN UP TO DATE ON CURRENT STATUS OF POLICY REVIEW OF GROUND TROOP WITHDRAWAL QUESTION AND TENTATIVE PLANS FOR CONSULTATION. PARK CONFIRMED FROM HOLBROOKE THAT CONSULTATIONS WILL DEAL WITH MODALITIES OF GROUND FORCE WITHDRAWAL AND NOT QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY SHOULD WITHDRAW. HE EMPHASIZED PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED BOTH IN SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA AND NEED THEREFORE TO HANDLE PUBLICITY VERY CAREFULLY.

2. HOLBROOKE ALSO BROUGHT UP INCREASING PRESSURES ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE AND URGED ACTION WITHIN NEXT TWO MONTHS IN KOREA'S OWN INTEREST. PARK NOTED THAT ISSUE HAD BEEN DISCUSSED FULLY BY AMBASSADOR WITH PRESIDENT AND THERE WAS NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY. HOLBROOKE AND AMBASSADOR REMINDED PARK THAT ISSUE REMAINS OPEN AND WOULD NOT BE SET ASIDE.

3. WITHOUT REFERRING DIRECTLY TO HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE,
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 SEOUL 02907 112258Z

HOLBROOKE DESCRIBED PRESIDENT CARTER'S POLICY OF OPENNESS WITH AMERICAN PUBLIC AND REASONS FOR IT IN LIGHT PAST PUBLIC SUSPICION OF SECRECY ON PART PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS. HE STRESSED VALUE OF THIS POLICY IN TERMS OF GENERATING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR POLICIES OF PRESIDENT CARTER, EVEN THOUGH THERE MIGHT BE SOME POTENTIALLY DIFFICULT EFFECTS FOR OTHER NATIONS. IMPLICATION LEFT THAT THIS POLICY WOULD BE APPLIED TO

ISSUES BETWEEN US AND KOREA INCLUDING HUMAN RIGHTS. FONMIN URGED
HOLBROOKE TO MAKE FULLER VISIT TO KOREA AND HOLBROOKE SAID
HE WOULD TRY TO DO SO GIVEN BREVITY OF STOP TO JOIN
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION.
SNEIDER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLICIES, TROOP DEPLOYMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 11-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977SEOUL02907
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770125-0981
Format: TEL
From: SEOUL
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770469/aaaaciam.tel
Line Count: 67
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: e0b42fa7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2841216
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE CALLS ON FOREIGN MINISTER.
TAGS: PFOR, KS, US, (PARK TONG-JIN), (HOLBROOKE, RICHARD)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/e0b42fa7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009